

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 of the specification with the following paragraph:

In order to arrive at the intermediate product, illustrated in Fig. 1, of the production process of a workpiece, indicated by reference numeral 1, the workpiece 1 having a rectangular shoulder 2, the upper area of a tubular initial workpiece 3 is first reduced by a cold-forming process, for example a rotary swaging process, which is known as such and which, therefore, will not be described herein in more detail, whereby that first area 3a of the tubular initial workpiece 3 is reduced to a smaller diameter than a non-reduced second area 3b. Preferably, a transition area 3c between the first and the second ~~areass~~ areas 3a and 3b is again formed as a circumferential inclined surface with an inclination of approximately 45° relative to the longitudinal axis A of the initial workpiece 3.